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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on May 26, 2006, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a European Supplementary Search Report dated December 4, 2007 with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 04747736.9, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,718,577;
- (2) International Publication No. WO 2004/049966 A, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0110111;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,202,242;
- (4) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 10-033576 A;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,375,864; and
- (6) European Patent Publication No. 0 476 556 A.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the European Supplementary Search Report.

Applicant notes that above-noted documents (1) and (4) were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of May 26, 2006, and thus, copies of documents (1) and (4) are not provided herewith.

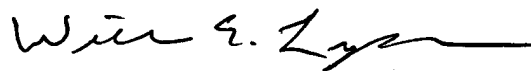
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted documents (2) and (6) are attached hereto, and all of the documents, with the exception of documents (1) and (4), are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the European Supplementary Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicant hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement (i.e., above-noted documents (2), (3), (4) and (5)) was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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